

City of Seattle
Civil Service Commission
January 31, 2011 Special Meeting

APPROVED FEBRUARY 16, 2011

Call to Order: Commission Chair Steven Jewell called the special meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. The meeting was in Suite 1679 of the Seattle Municipal Tower, 700 Fifth Avenue, Seattle, Washington 98124.

In Attendance:

Commission Chair Steven Jewell

Commissioner Ellis H. Casson was present via telephone

Commissioner Gregg Hirakawa

Glenda Graham-Walton, Executive Director

Teresa Jacobs, Administrative Staff Assistant

Gary Smith, Assistant City Attorney

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Olayinka Ogunyemi, Appellant
- Erin Overbey, Assistant City Attorney, City of Seattle, Representing City Light, Respondent

1. *Executive Session*—Petition for Review

- Ogunyemi v. City Light—CSC No. 10-01-020

Olayinka Ogunyemi filed an appeal with the Commission on December 9, 2010. The appeal was delegated to the Office of the Hearing Examiner. A prehearing took place on January 11, 2011 where the discovery and hearing schedules were established. On January 14, 2011 Ms. Ogunyemi sent an email to the Office of the Hearing Examiner requesting an extension stating some of her witnesses would not be available for the February 14 hearing. Anne Watanabe, Deputy Hearing Examiner denied the Appellant's motion by Order dated January 20, 2011. On January 25, 2011 the appellant filed a Petition for Review with the Civil Service Commission. Erin Overbey, Assistant City Attorney, representing Seattle City Light, the Respondent sent a response to the Petition for Review on January 27, 2011. **The Commission went into executive session at 11:25 a.m. The executive session ended at 11:45 a.m.**

The Commission agreed that when delegating an appeal to a Presiding Officer, the Commission also delegates the authority to rule on procedural decisions. In general, it is not the policy of the Commission to then intervene with the Presiding Officer's procedural decisions. The Commission will follow that policy in regard to the Appellant's Petition for Review and not issue an order modifying the Presiding Officer's decision on a Motion for a Continuance. The Commission encouraged the parties to schedule a conference with the Presiding Officer to resolve issues related to discovery. Commissioner Hirakawa moved. Commissioner Casson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned 11:55 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

/s/ Teresa R. Jacobs 2/16/2011

Teresa R. Jacobs
Administrative Staff Assistant

Approved by:

/s/ Steven A. Jewell 2/16/2011

Steven A. Jewell
Commission Chair

Date